

More than one-third (35%) of students worked at a job for pay often or most of the time when not in school, and the same percentage of students reported TV watching often or most of the time after school.

Church and church youth group activities occupied most of the free time of 31% of students, while participation in community affairs or volunteer work was reported as a frequent activity by 7% of students.

Going to movies (15%) or attending rock concerts (6%) were also reported as leisure time activities. Seventeen percent of students reported reading books as their major leisure time activity.

Finally, going to malls often or most of the time when not in school was reported by 32% of students, going to parties and other social affairs by 23%, and going to taverns, bars or night clubs by 6% of students.

PARENTAL SUPERVISION

Asked how often their parents, step-parents or guardians had supervised them in various areas, students were most likely to report lack of supervision in being required to do household chores or help at home. They were least likely to report parents not keeping track of where they are and what they are doing, or knowing how well they are doing in school.

The level of parental supervision of these youth is evident from the results that follow:

Parents rarely or never keeping close track on how well students were doing in school was reported by 13% of students.

Providing help with homework when it was needed was rarely or never done by 30% of students' parents.

Twenty-five percent of parents rarely or never took an interest in students' extracurricular activities.

Fifteen percent of parents rarely or never required students to do work or chores around the house, while 13% of parents reportedly rarely or never knew where their children were or what they were doing.

Listening to students' opinions and respecting their feelings was rarely or never done by 22% of parents, according to their children.